

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND USE ON ALL CARS OWNED AND OPERATED BY ANY RAILROAD OR OTHER CORPORATION DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, SOME FORM OF AUTOMATIC CAR COUPLING, BY MEANS OF WHICH ALL CARS MAY BE COUPLED AND UNCOUPLED WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF THE BRAKEMAN OR OTHER PERSON PASSING BETWEEN THE CARS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That every railroad company, on and after the fifteenth day of July, 1886,
2 owning or operating a railroad, or any portion of a railroad, wholly or partly in this State,
3 shall place or cause to be placed upon every freight car thereafter constructed, purchased or
4 leased by such corporation, and upon every freight car owned or leased by such corporation
5 which is sent to the shop for general repairs, or for repair of the coupling fixtures thereof,
6 with intent to use such car, such form of automatic or other safety coupler, at each end
7 thereof as the commissioners of railroads after examination and test of same may prescribe.
8 And such commissioners of railroads, on or before May fifteenth, 1886, shall select two or
9 more different patterns of automatic or safety couplers which will couple with each other,
10 and also with the link and pin coupler now generally in use, from which patterns said
11 railroad company may select couplers for use on cars as required in this act.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act may be enforced by any Circuit or County Court of this
2 State in a county through which the railroad of any company refusing to comply with
3 such provisions may run, upon application of the commissioners of railroads, under such
4 penalty as the said court may determine, of not less than one hundred dollars for each
5 violation of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. Any brakeman or other person whose duty it is to couple or uncouple cars after
2 such automatic coupling has been affixed, refuses or neglects to use such automatic coupling,
3 but goes between said cars to couple or uncouple, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,
4 and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five
5 dollars and cost of such trial before any justice of the peace in the county in which such
6 violation of this section was committed.

SEC. 4. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after the fifteenth day of July, 1886.